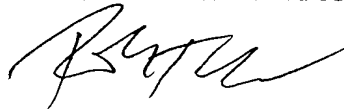


REMARKS

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please find submitted herewith a substitute drawing sheet in which labeling of two figures is corrected to be consistent with the specification. Specifically, the label “Fig. 7” is replaced by labels “Fig. 7A” and “Fig. 7B,” each referring to a separate Figure to be consistent with the text of specification (see, for example, “Brief Description of the Drawings” section in page 10 of the specification).